Beaverton Committee for Citizen Involvement (BCCI) August 27, 2012

Board Members:

Rhonda Coakley, BCCI Vice Chair, Sexton Mountain NAC Kathleen Schuelke Chavez, Recorder, Alternate At-Large, South Beaverton NAC

Aaron Poarch, West Beaverton NAC Alternate Representative Henry Kane, Vose NAC Representative Bill Berg, At-Large, West Beaverton NAC

Richard Pickett, Five Oaks/Triple Creek NAC Representative Sharon Dunham, At-Large, Sexton Mountain NAC Ramona Crocker, At-Large, Greenway NAC

Linda Kimble, Alternate At-Large, Vose NAC

Jim Persey, Greenway NAC Representative Ray Bowman, At-Large, Denney Whitford/Raleigh West NAC Yamini Naidu, Alternate At-Large, West Beaverton NAC

City Council: Catherine Arnold

City Staff: Randy Ealy, Lani Parr, Franziska Edwards

Guests: None

The meeting was called to order by Rhonda Coakley, Vice Chair, at 7:04 p.m. The customary personal introductions were made by everyone attending the meeting.

Review and Approval of the Minutes from the Previous Meeting.

After several short comments, a **motion** was made, seconded and unanimously approved to accept the meeting minutes from the July 23, 2012 BCCI Meeting.

Treasurer's Report.

Terry Lawler, BCCI Treasurer, was unavailable for the meeting but provided a report of activity. As of today, August 27, 2012, the balance in the BCCI bank account stands at \$1802.76. This amount includes a deposit on 08/24/2012 of \$1,000.00 from Recycling Day. .

City Report.

Mr. Randy Ealy, Chief Administrative Officer reported that of the two unions represented in the city, the SEIU group has come to an agreement and signed a new 3 year contract. The other union which includes the police is still in negotiation. Human resources performed a workplace climate assessment and asked the workplace community for feedback on issues they face. Of the 500+/- employees polled, there was a 75% return rate. The results are not available as yet, but will be reported soon.

Also shared was the financial group decision to make an investment into many local banks that are headquartered in Oregon with branches in the city limits. \$10 million of the \$70 million in city assets were split into amounts not greater than \$250,000, and deposited into savings accounts at many of these local banks in an attempt to encourage them to use the money to make loans available to local residents and thereby encourage business growth. The interest rate isn't the best, but it helps out our community. Mr. Ealy will provide an update report to BCCI on these investments.

The mid-year budget is being planned, and the committee toured City Hall and assessed the space restraints faced.

If NAC's have comments on the State legislative session planning, please share with us. There will be a regional meeting to discuss your issues.

Friday and today, interviews were conducted for the new position of Cultural Inclusion Liaison. There were 8 to 9 people interviewed by both an internal panel and external panel. The external panel included a diverse population of people from the community. Both panels performed interviews and made recommendations for the top two picks. The mayor will be the final decision maker of the two finalists with an expected announcement next Monday.

City Council Report.

Councilor Catherine Arnold discussed the space needs for the court and police, specifically, following a work session held last week. PSAC performed a one and a half year study looking at 18 different sites for a court and police building. Four to six sites were presented and of those demolishing the Griffith Drive building and rebuilding new is decidedly the least costly, but would still require a \$30 million dollar bond. Bill Berg, BCCI's Visioning Committee member previously presented the results of the surveys completed by guests from the two open houses hosted by BCCI with 80% of responses in favor of the move of City Hall to the Round. After both these survey results were shared, some council members are still questioning if they shouldn't go back and start over. Councilor Arnold is asking for those with questions or concerns to please attend and testify at the City Council Meeting on September 4th

Subcommittee Reports

Land Use: Jim Persey, Land Use Subcommittee Chair, reported the at grade pedestrian crossing light on Hall Blvd for the Fanno Creek trail will be presented for approval at the September 6th meeting before the traffic commission.

Neighborhood Involvement: Sharon Dunham, NAC Engagement Subcommittee Chair, reported that the group met after the last BCCI meeting in July to finalize the survey available online or by mail. The surveys will go out around Labor Day and results will be reported when available. Thanks to all those that helped.

New Initiatives: Bill Berg, New Initiatives Subcommittee Chair, recapped on the Visioning Open House at the park by Saturday market on Saturday, August 11.

Questions were asked to visitors of their participation in NACs and asked for contact information to share with specific NAC. There were many different tents covering many different committees in the city.

Updates on Events/Opportunities

Lani Parr of the Mayor's office reported the need for volunteers to participate in the planning committee for the Fall Voters' Forum on October 11th and for the night of the event. There will be only two meetings in September just after Labor Day and another later in the month for the planning committee.

Rhonda Coakley, BCCI Vice Chair, discussed the holiday dinner plans for the BCCI holiday party. The proposal is to move the event to DeCarli's as they now have a new private dining room that is large enough to fit the expected guests and much more conducive to conversations without the noise level at the past location of Murray Hill Café. One NAC representative from each NAC will be free and each additional guest will cost \$25/person. The motion was made, seconded and approved to move the holiday dinner to DeCarli's.

Issues, Concerns, Opportunities & Needs of NACs.

Ramona Crocker questioned how long the road disruption on Lombard is expected to last. One week is the expected time.

Rhonda Coakley shared that there is very little meeting space in Beaverton and for anyone that is interested; the Round has five meeting rooms that are available up to 100 people to fit in the space.

The Quarterly NAC Leadership Meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 3rd from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Beaverton City Hall, 1st floor conference room. Anyone currently serving on a NAC Board is welcome to attend.

The new NAC Land Use Training course will take place on Monday, October 29th from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Beaverton City Hall, 1st floor conference room. Anyone interested in learning the city's land use process and the role of the NAC's in navigating it is welcome. RSVP to Jason at 503.526.2543.

On Saturday, October 20th from 5:00pm to 8:00pm Soup's On, a soup tasting event, sponsored by the Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon and the city of Beaverton with proceeds benefitting the Oregon Food Bank will take place. If you like soup this is an event you won't want to miss. Adults \$20 online/\$25 at the door, children (5-12) \$5 online/\$7 at the door.

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Kathleen Schuelke Chavez, BCCI Recorder.